Rangarajan Committee and the Krishnamurthy Committee were appointed by the Central Government;

if so, the details of recommendation of each of these two Committees;

the recommendation of the above Committees which have been accepted and implemented by the Central Government; and

the recommendation which have not been implemented and the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (d) Information is begin collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Decrease in export of poultry products due to bird flu

2043. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether it is a fact that there is decrease in export of poultry products from India due to recent bird flu;

if so, the details thereof;

whether some countires has stopped importing poultry products from India after bird flu; and

what are the steps Government is taking to safeguard the interests of poultry farmers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) and (b) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

After notification of outbreak of avian influenza in West Bengal, certain countries such as Nepal, Bhutan, Oman, Qatar, Shri Lanka etc. have imposed ban on import of poultry/ egg products from India.

The Government has attempted to save the domestic poultry industry from the outbreak of bird flu by culling, destroying infected eggs and disinfecting the affected areas/products. The import and movement of poultry products from infected areas is also banned/ restricted.

Extending benefits of Industrial Park Scheme 2008 to units

2044. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether the Industrial Park Scheme 2008 which replaces earlier Industrial Park Scheme 2002 aims to benefit only the developer of the Industrial Park, but, not the units housed in the park;

if so, whether Government proposes to extend the benefits to the units housed in the park;

if so, the details thereof and also the break-up of approved proposals for new parks to be set up under the new scheme, State-wise and by when they are expected to commence their operations; and

(d) if not, the reasons for not extending the benefits to the units?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL POLICY AND PROMOTIONS, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR): (a) to (d) Under the Industrial Park Scheme, since its inception in 1999 and till date, only developer of the industrial park is eligible to avail Income Tax exemption under Income Tax Act 1961. Units located in the park have never been provided any financial or fiscal benefit. However, industrial units operating from such parks, wherein world-class infrastructure is available, enjoy the benefit of lower transaction cost and shorter start up time. There is no proposal to extend tax benefits to units housed in industrial parks.

Core farm trade access issues at Doha Trade Negotiations

2045. SHRI GIREESH KUMAR SANGHI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

whether concerns of India alongwith Sourth Africa, Argentina and Brazil were ignored in Doha draft;

if so, the reaction of the Ministry thereto; and

what steps Government is taking to address core farm trade market access issues in the Doha trade negotiations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE, MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH): (a) to (c) The Chair of the Committee on Agriculture (Special Session), which is the Negotiating Group on Agriculture of the World Trade Organisation (WTO), brought out Revised Draft Modalities for Agriculture on 8 February, 2008. This reflects the outcome of deliberations in the Negotiating Group on an earlier draft brought out by the Chair in July 2007. The draft modalities contain proposals on the three pillars of the Agriculture Negotiations, namely, domestic support, market access and export competition.

While the revised draft reflects progress in some areas, it also contains new proposals on some issues, which would require detailed deliberations *e.g.* Special Products (SPs), the Special Safeguard Mechanism, the Special Agricultural Safeguard, Tropical Products, Tariff Simplification etc. There are also some other issues on which large divergences still exist, *e.g.* reductions in overall trade-distorting domestic support (OTDS), market access in Sensitive Products, Tariff Capping etc.

India has been working closely with her coalition partners, including Sourth Africa, Argentina and Brazil, in developing country groupings in order to achieve an outcome that would fully reflect the level of ambition of the Doha mandate and the interests of developing countries. During the negotiations, India has made it clear that a substantial and effective reduction in domestic support and tariffs in agriculture by develped countries while enabling developing countries to protect and promote the interests of their low income and resource poor farmers is a priority for India in the negotiations.

India is also a Member of the NAMA 11 coalition which includes Argentina, Brazil and South Africa. Draft modalities on Non Agricultural Market Access (relating to industrial tariff lines), were issue in July 2007 and had invited criticism from two-thirds of the WTO Membership. The revised draft modalities, which were brought out on 8 February 2008, do not meet the concerns of the NAMA 11 coalition and they have stated this during negotiation.